

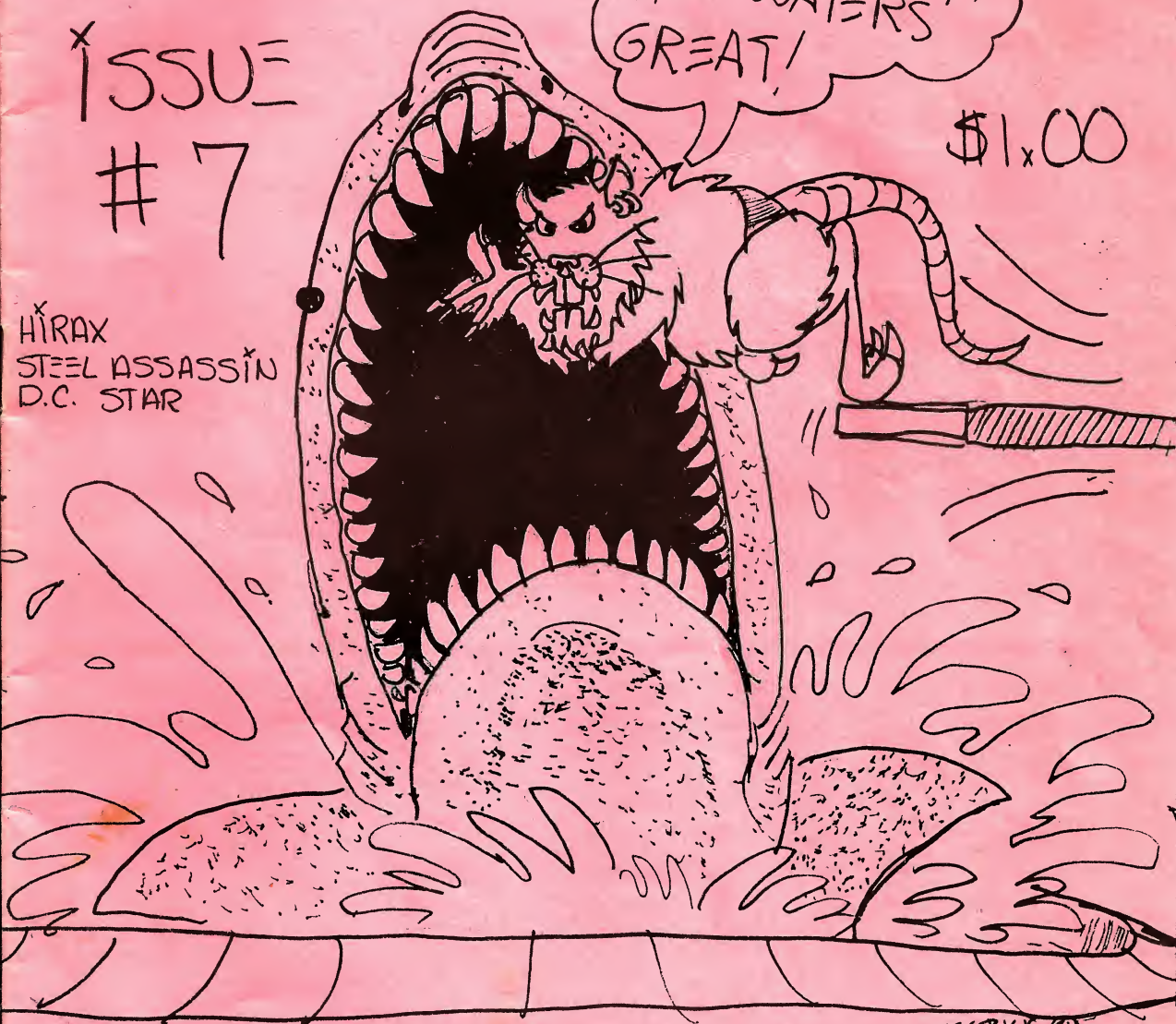
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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO ALL OF MY ENEMIES, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

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IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE TOP IF YOU WANNA ROCK - THAT'S NO SECRET TO THESE METAL MANIACS, AND THE REACTION IS ALWAYS THE SAME - THESE GUYS ARE HOT!!

TEEZ, PENNSYLVANIA'S PREMIER HEAVY METAL ATTRACTION, WILL BE THE FEATURED BAND ON A COMPILATION LP SCHEDULED FOR NATIONAL RELEASE THIS MONTH.

CALLED "METAL ATTACK", THE LP WAS PRODUCED BY CALIFORNIA'S WORLD METAL REPORT MAGAZINE (DISTRIBUTED NATIONALLY VIA RETAIL RECORD OUTLETS) AND APPEARS ON THE WORLD METAL RECORDS LABEL. IMPORTANT RECORD DISTRIBUTORS OF JAMAICA, NEW YORK WILL BE HANDLING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LP THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

THE ALBUM CONSISTS OF EIGHT OF AMERICA'S HOTTEST UNSIGNED BANDS IN A SHOWCASE FORMAT. TEEZ HAS BEEN GRANTED THE LEADOFF SPOT ON THE ALBUM - THEIR METAL ANTHEM, "CRANK IT UP," GETS THIS DISC OFF TO A BLISTERING START.

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SLAYER - HAUNTING THE CHAPEL. SLAYER HAS RETURNED IN A PAGE. "HAUNTING THE CHAPEL" TAKES OVER WHERE THEIR "SHOW NO MERCY" L.P. LEFT OFF. THIS THREE SONG E.P. HAS A MUCH HEAVIER SOUND TO IT THAN THEIR "S.U.M." ALBUM DOES, THUS MAKING SLAYER SOUND EVEN HEAVIER (IF THAT CAN BE POSSIBLE) THAN THEY'VE EVER BEEN BEFORE. EVERY SONG ON IT IS A CLASSIC, ESPECIALLY "CHEMICAL WARFARE." KERRY KING AND JEFF HAMMEND ARE A FINE TEAM OF AXEMEN, AS THEY DELIVER FAST TEARING LEADS. TOM ARAYA'S VOCALS ARE AS RAW AND EVIL AS THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN. ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT IS THAT DAVE LOMBARDO IS NOW A DOUBLE BASS DRUMMER, WHICH GIVES THEM EVEN MORE POWER. THIS IS DEFINITELY A MUST FOR ALL METAL FANATICS. "HAUNTING THE CHAPEL" IS ONE OF THE BEST E.P.'S I'VE HEARD YET (ALONG WITH MERCYFUL FATE'S DEBUT E.P.) BUY AND DIE!!!

MANTAS - 1984 DEMO. MANTAS ARE THE RAWEST SOUNDING BAND FROM FLORIDA THAT I'VE HEARD YET. THEY HAVE A SOUND THAT IS VERY SIMILAR TO VENOM. THIS DEMO IS A REAL KILLER, IT COMBINES POWER, GROWLING VOCALS, SPEED, AND DISTORTION TO CREATE A DEADLY SOUND. THE STAND-OUT TRACKS ARE "DEATH BY METAL," "LEGION OF DOOM," AND "EVIL DEAD," BUT THE OTHER SONGS, "MANTAS" AND "POWER OF DARKNESS," ARE JUST AS POTENT. THEIR SONG TITLES FIT THEM REALLY WELL, IF YOU ARE A REAL DEATH, POWER METAL FREAK, THEN YOU WILL LOVE THIS. IT'S GREAT!!!

DESTRUCTION - 1984 DEMO. WEST GERMANY IS BECOMING WELL KNOWN FOR ALL OF THE NEW POWER METAL BANDS THAT ARE STARTING TO COME UP FROM THERE, THERE'S SODOM, IRON ANGEL, RUNNING WILD, AND NOW COMES DESTRUCTION. POWER, TALENT, SPEED, AND DESTRUCTION JUST ABOUT SUMS THIS DEMO UP. DESTRUCTION ARE ONE OF THE BETTER POWER METAL BANDS TO EMERGE FROM WEST GERMANY, SUCH KILLER TRACKS AS "NAD BUTCHER," "TOTAL DISASTER," "SATAN'S VENGEANCE," AND "FRONT BEAST" WILL HAVE YOU HEADBANGING SO HARD, IT'LL SEND TREMORS THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEIR SOUND IS VERY HARD AND HEAVY, SIMILAR TO THE EXODUS MOLD. DESTRUCTION IS ONE OF THE BEST POWER METAL BANDS AROUND TODAY, BEWARE!!!

MERCYFUL FATE - DON'T BREAK THE OATH. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST METAL ALBUMS EVER. IT'S MY FAVORITE ALBUM OF THE YEAR SO FAR. THIS

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ALBUM REVIEWS

ALBUM IS SO TALENTED, IT'S UNREAL. FATE GET PUT DOWN ALOT BECAUSE OF THEIR SATANIC IMAGE, BUT ANYONE WHO HAS ANY IDEA OF WHAT GOOD TALENTED MUSIC IS, SHOULD HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR MERCYFUL FATE. HANK SHERMAN AND MICHAEL DENNER ARE ONE OF THE HOTTEST GUITAR DUOS AROUND TODAY, THEY PLAY SOME RIFFS AND LEADS THAT I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYONE DO BEFORE. THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN PICK MY FAVORITE SONG FROM THE L.P., BECAUSE ALL OF THE SONGS ARE GREAT. SOME GREAT CLASSICS FROM THIS ALBUM ARE "THE OATH," "COME TO THE SABBATH," AND "NIGHT OF THE UNBORN." I COULD GO ON WRITING PAGES AND PAGES ABOUT HOW GREAT THIS ALBUM IS, BUT I'LL CUT IT SHORT. ALBUM OF THE YEAR!!! IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS YET, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR MISSING!

IRON ANGEL - 1984 DEMO. FROM WEST GERMANY COMES ONE OF THE HEAVIEST, FASTED BANDS IN METAL TODAY. IRON ANGEL COMPLETELY DESTROY EVERYTHING IN SIGHT, THEY ARE SO FAST, IT'S UNREAL. WITH SONGS SUCH AS "RUSH OF POWER," "OPEN THE GATE/DEVILS GATE," "WIFE OF THE DEVIL," AND "WOUNDS OF HELL," THEY DEMOLISH ANYTHING WITHIN RADIUS OF THE TAPE. NOT ONLY ARE THEY FAST AND POWERFULL, THEY DO IT WITH TALENT. THE DRUMMER IS ONE OF THE FASTEST DOUBLE BASS DRUMMERS I'VE EVER HEARD, ALSO THE GUITAR WORK IS VERY GOOD. THE OTHER KILLER TRACKS ARE "MANIAC OF THE NIGHT," "SEA OF FLAMES," AND "HEAVY METAL SOLDIER." IF YOUR INTO SUPERFAST, POWER, SPEED METAL, YOU'LL EAT THIS ALIVE. TRY TO GET AT ANY COSTS OR DEEDS.

BATHORY - BATHORY. BATHORY ARE A THREE-PIECE DEATH METAL POWER TRIO HAILING FROM STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN. THIS ALBUM IS ONE OF THE RAWEST SOUNDING ALBUMS I'VE EVER HEARD SINCE VENOM'S "WELCOME TO HELL" L.P. THE SINGER (GROWLER?) HAS ONE OF THE WERDEST VOICES I'VE EVER HEARD. TO ME IT SOUNDS LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN CRANDS AND POPEYE(VES, THE CARTOON CHARACTER). THE STANDOUT CUTS ON THE ALBUM ARE "REAPER," "SACRIFICE," AND "IN CONSPIRACY WITH SATAN." THIS ALBUM IS VERY FAST, RAW, AND POWERFUL, THEY ARE REALLY A DEATH METAL BAND. IF YOU ARE INTO VENOM, SODOM, HELLHAMMER, AND BANDS OF THE LIKE, THAN YOU WILL LOVE THIS. I ONLY WISH THE LYRICS HAD SOME MORE ORIGINALITY TO THEM. ALOT OF THE LYRICS ARE EXACTLY

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D.C. STAR

D.C. STAR AND WIVV 98 ROCK TEAMED UP TO CREATE A T.V. COMMERCIAL GEARED TO PROMOTING THE "SPIRIT OF ROCK AND ROLL" TECHNICIAN TED HENDRICKS, HIS CREW, AND ABOUT 400 STUDENT EXTRAS AT ANNE ARUNDEL COLLEGE BOK PART. LUCKILY PATTY AND I WERE IN THE FRONT ROW. THE COMMERCIAL FEATURED THE VERY HEAVY METAL SOUND OF THE BAND D.C. STAR. D.C. STAR RECENTLY OPENED FOR SOME OF ROCK'S HOTTEST GROUPS. THEY'VE OPENED FOR TWISTED SISTER & JUDAS PREIST. "I WANNA ROCK TONIGHT" IS THE NAME OF THE BAND'S NEW SONG BEING FEATURED IN THE COMMERCIAL. THE PRODUCTION TOOK A CREW OF MORE THAN FIFTY TO SET UP. ALSO, THERE WERE 20,000 WATTS OF LIGHTING DIRECTED BY CHARLES VANDERPOL. THE COMMERCIAL ITSELF WAS DIRECTED BY JACK THANNUM. IT TOOK ALL AFTERNOON TO SHOOT, BUT WILL LAST A MERE THIRTY SECONDS. IT IS NOW BEING SHOWN ON CHANNEL 13. IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE IT, LET US KNOW.



DEUCE



DEUCE is - BILLY MEADOWS (LEAD VOCALS), MIKE FRANCIS (GUITAR), TOM GATTIS (RHYTHM GUITAR AND DEUCE IS PROBABLY MARYLAND'S ONLY POWER METAL BAND. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO SEE THEM AT BELTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THEY PUT ON ONE OF THE HEAVIEST SHOWS I'VE SEEN SO FAR. NO WAY IS THIS BAND COMMERCIAL! ONE THING THAT REALLY FLIPPED ME OUT, THE DRUM SET WAS INSIDE OF A CAGE!! IF YOU GET A CHANCE, DEFINITELY SEE THIS BAND LIVE! THEY RIP! FOR MORE INFO WRITE TO - DEUCE C/O TOM GATTIS, 16904 SUPPLEE LANE, LAUREL, MARYLAND 20707 U.S.A. DEMOS ARE \$5.00, BUTTONS, BADGES ARE \$1.00. SUPPORT THIS BAND!!

STEEL ASSASSIN

DON'T ESCOLAS
LEAD VOCALIST

INTERVIEW

MAYHEM- HOW DID THE BAND COME UP WITH THE NAME STEEL ASSASSIN?

DON'T - THE NAME OF THE BAND, ALTHOUGH A SORT OF ARTICULATE BREED, ACTUALLY, CAME TO US FROM A TELEVISION SERIAL, "THE WILD WILD WEST" THE EPISODE "NIGHT OF THE STEEL ASSASSIN."

MAYHEM- HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INTO METAL?

DON'T - METAL IS A BIG WORD. AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER THERE HAS BEEN METAL IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. THE ROCK OR SO CALLED "ACID ROCK" FROM AS FAR BACK AS THE LATE 60'S, HAS SOLID METAL FLAVORS AND SHOWED STRONG SIGNS OF BARBARIC REASONING. PERSONALLY SPEAKING, I HAVE WORKED WITH THE ABSOLUTE PRODUCT FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS NOW, AND LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE FLESH TEARING CHOPS FOR THE NEXT 10.

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MAYHEM- WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME BESIDES JAM WITH S.A.?

DON'T - WHEN I'M NOT RIPPING BARS WITH S.A., I SPEND ALOT OF MY TIME WORKING ON MY HARLEY DRAG BIKE AND ROAD MACHINE. OCCASIONALLY I LIKE TO GO OUT FOR A GOOD RUMBLE AND KICK SOME ASS, ESPECIALLY CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND STARCHED WHITE COLLARED CONSERVATIVES. WHEN TIME IS RIGHT IF SEEN I'D BE HAVING A MARATHON WITH THE BOYS AT THE LOCAL BAR, OR MAYBE OUT FOR AN OPERA TO BREAK UP THE MONOTONY OF DRAGON SLAYING AND CHASTISING THE NUANCE OF TODAYS ATMOSPHERE OR UNCOMMON OBLATION.

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MAYHEM- WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR INFLUENCES?

DONT - I WOULD SAY MY MAIN INFLUENCES HAVE BEEN MITCH RYDER, JAMES BROWN, JIMI HENDRIX, CARUSO, GRACE SLICK, BARBARA STREISAND, AND MANY OTHERS.

MAYHEM- WHAT WAS IT LIKE OPENING UP FOR Y&T, RAVEN, METALLICA AND TALAS?

DONT - NOT ANY DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER GIG. THE AUDIENCE IS ALWAYS A LITTLE TOUGHER WHEN VA BACK UP A HEADLINER. WHOEVER SAID TALAS WAS METAL? OF THE BANDS YOU MENTIONED, THE ONLY ONE I HAD A CHANCE TO ENJOY CONVERSATION WITH WAS RAVEN. THEY'RE REALLY GREAT GUYS.

MAYHEM- I HEARD S.A. WAS BEING CHECKED OUT BY CHRYSALIS AND EPIC. IS THERE A CHANCE OF THE BAND GETTING PICKED UP BY A MAJOR LABEL SOON?

DONT - RIGHT NOW WE HAVE 12 TAPES OUT TO MAJOR LABELS. WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME GOOD AND SOME NOT SO GOOD REVIEWS THUS FAR. WHILE WE'RE WAITING ON MOST OF THEM, WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY WORKING ON NEW MATERIAL.

MAYHEM- HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT GETTING SIGNED TO AN UNDERGROUND METAL LABEL?

DONT - AN UNDER GROUND METAL LABEL, OR AS WE CALL THEM INDYS, ARE A GOOD STEPPING STONE TO MAJOR LABELS. AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, MOST MAJORS ARE APT TO PICK UP SOMEONE FROM AN INDY RATHER THAN A NOTHING, REGARDLESS HOW GOOD THEY ARE. SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE ALSO REACHING OUT TO MANY EUROPEAN, S. AMERICAN, BRITISH, CANADIAN, AS WELL AS AMERICAN PROVINCES FOR INDY WORK. DEPENDING SOLELY ON THE CONTRACT AND IT'S EXPECTATIONS.

MAYHEM- HOW DOES THE BAND FEEL ABOUT TRAVELING?

DONT - QUITE FRANKLY WE ARE READY FOR TRAVELING AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT GREATLY. THERE ARE SO MANY HEAD BANGERS OUT THERE THAT NEED BE SHOWN THE TRUE METAL OF S.A.

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MAYHEM- WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN COMING TO THE
BALT./WASH. AREA?

DONJ - DEFINITELY. IT'S FUNNY YOU ASK THAT, WE WERE
TALKING ABOUT A MARYLAND, WASHINGTON,
JERSEY AND N.Y. LINE UP. TO MAKE THIS WORK
NOW WE NEED THE FLORIDA DATES WE HAVE RECENTLY
STARTED TO CHART, MAKING AN EAST COAST TOUR
COMPLETE.

MAYHEM- WHEN YOU'RE AT CLUBS, DO A LOT OF PEOPLE ASK THE
BAND FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPHS?

DONJ - YES. QUITE FREQUENTLY, IN FACT IT HAS BECOME ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE TO GO TO THE LOCAL MALLS OR STORES
IN OUR AREA WITHOUT HAVING FANS CHASE US FOR
AUTOGRAPHS. IN FACT, AT ONE SHOW IN SALEM I
WAS CHASED BY A DOZEN GIRLS ACROSS A PARKING
LOT THAT VOWED THEY WOULD HAVE ME OR MY CLOTHES,
A NARROW ESCAPE.

MAYHEM- WILL S.A. BE GOING INTO THE STUDIO SOON?

DONJ - WELL, NOT REAL SOON. WE JUST GOT OUT A MONTH
AGO AND WE'RE SCHEDULED SOME HIGH SCALE
OUSAUGHT METAL SHOWS STARTING IMMEDIATELY
TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE'RE STILL ALIVE AND
BETTER THAN EVER.

MAYHEM- DO YOU THINK UNDERGROUND METAL IS DRIVING UP?

DONJ - APPARENTLY NOT. I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SO MANY
METAL BANDS IN MY LIFE. BACK 2 YEARS AGO
THERE WEREN'T HALF AS MANY METAL BANDS AS NOW.
UNFORTUNATELY SOME HAVE GONE TO A BLACK METAL
FOR FORTUNE AND FAME, AND OTHERS TRY TO OUT
RIFF OR OUT SPEED EACH OTHER. BUT BASICALLY
METAL IS GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME AND I LOVE IT.

MAYHEM- DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING ADVICE FOR MAYHEM
METALLERS OUT THERE?

DONJ - MY ONLY ADVICE AT THIS POINT IS WALK SOFTLY AND CARRY
A BIG SWORD! REMEMBER TOO, SUPPORT YOUR HEAVY
METAL NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE!

THANKS DONJ!

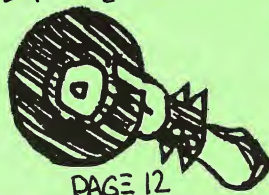
ALBUM REVIEWS

THE SAME AS SOME VENOM LYRICS FROM THE "BLACK METAL" L.P. ALL IN ALL IT'S A GREAT ALBUM AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS TO ALL REAL POWER BANGERS.

MEGADETH-1984 DEMO. FROM ALL OF THE HYPE AND RAVING THAT'S GOING ON ABOUT MEGADETH, I WAS REALLY EXPECTING SOME GREAT POWER METAL. CAN THEY DELIVER YOU ASK? HELL YES!!! THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST DEMOS I'VE HEARD IN AWHILE. DAVE MUSTAINE HAS RETURNED IN A WRATH OF FURY. HIS GREAT GUITAR PLAYING AND RAW VOCALS MAKES THIS TAPE A CLASSIC. THIS DEMO TOTALLY SHREDS WITH "THE SKULL BENEATH THE SKIN" AND "THE MECHANIX" WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH SIMILAR TO THE VERSION ON THE 1982 METALLICA DEMO. THE OTHER CUT "LOVE TO DEATH" IS ONE OF THE FASTEST TRACKS ON THE TAPE. I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL MEGADETH RELEASES A VINYL PRODUCT. THIS DEMO IS REALLY GREAT, ALL METAL MANIACS SHOULD TRY TO OBTAIN THIS TAPE FROM SOMEWHERE, IT'S A MUST. THRASH-TILL MEGADEATH!!!

PLOPPER OF THE MOUTH. KROKUS - THE BLITZ. OUT OF ALL THESE GOOD THINGS TO REVIEW, I FIGURED THAT I OUGHT TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING BAD TO REVIEW. WELL, I DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK TOO FAR. HERE IT IS, THE NEW ALBUM BY KROKUS (IF ANY HEAD-BANGERS REALLY CARE). THE LAST KROKUS L.P. "HEADHUNTER" IS MY FAVORITE L.P. BY THEM. I THOUGHT THAT KROKUS MAY BE IMPROVING, BUT WAS I WRONG. "THE BLITZ" DOES NOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO "HEADHUNTER" AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING GOOD ON HERE AT ALL. THE BAND AS COMPLETELY CHANGED, THEY'VE WIMPED OUT. THEY SOUND AND EVEN LOOK LIKE NEW DEF LEPPARD. I'M SURE THAT THIS ALBUM WILL BE A SUCCESS FOR THEM, BUT I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL. STAY COMPLETELY AWAY FROM THIS, AVOID AT ALL COSTS.

ALL ALBUM REVIEWS BY JIM POWELL.
CHECK OUT JIM'S MAG, "GRINDER"! IT RIPS!



MAYHEM!

CONTEST- NAME AS MANY DIFFERENT SONGS AS YOU CAN THAT CONTAIN THE WORD "MAYHEM" (WRITE THE GROUP NAME AND SONG TITLE). THE PERSON WITH THE MOST NUMBER OF SONGS WINS A FREE MAYHEM T-SHIRT. SEND ALL ANSWERS TO MAYHEM 546 BAY GREEN DRIVE, ARNOLD, MARYLAND 21012

COMING NEXT ISSUE - EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF SLAYER AND CORROSION OF CONFORMITY TAKEN AT THE LOFT IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND ON NOVEMBER 9TH.

"HELL YEAH, MAYHEM'S MY MIDDLE NAME"! - BRUNO



THIS IS THE OFFICIAL DEATHLIST FROM WBGR, METAL'S MOST UNDERGROUND RADIO SHOW. 1. EXODUS- A LESSON IN VIOLENCE, 2. MERCYFUL FATE - DON'T BREAK THE OATH, 3. BATHORY- BATHORY, 4. SLAYER- HAUNTING THE CHAPEL, 5. SODOM- VICTIMS OF DEATH (DEMO), 6. MEGADETH- DEMO, 7. VOI VOD- WAR AND PAIN, 8. OVER KILL- POWER IN BLACK (DEMO), 9. NASTY SAVAGE- WAGE OF MAYHEM (DEMO), 10. POSSESSED- DEMO, 11. IRON ANGEL- DEMO, 12. TROUBLE- TROUBLE, 13. DESTRUCTION- DEMO, 14. MANTAS- DEMO, 15. NEMESIS- THE DAY OF RETRIBUTION, 16. LIVING DEATH- VENGEANCE OF HELL, 17. HELLHAMMER- APOCALYPTIC RAIDS, 18. GRAVE DIGGER- HEAVY METAL BREAKDOWN, 19. JAG PANZER- AMPLE DESTRUCTION, 20. CARNIVORE- DEMO, 21. ACID- BLACK CAR, 22. VARIOUS ARTISTS- DEATH METAL, 23. H- BOMB- ATTAQUE, 24. WARFARE- NOISE, FILTH, & FURY, 25. DARK ANGEL- DEMO, 26. ASTAROTH- DEMO, 27. DEMON EYES- RITES OF CHAOS, 28. HALLOW'S EVE- DEMO, 29. LOUDNESS- DISTILLUTION, 30. VENOM- ASSORTED CUTS. COMPILED BY DON F. KAYE, WBGR- AM, BROOKLYN COLLEGE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210, U.S.A. PHONE: (718) 859-6258.

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MESOMORPH

THERE IS NO OTHER BAND IN THE WORLD LIKE MESOMORPH. THIS SYRACUSE, N.Y. GROUP HAS DEVELOPED A HARD-EDGED METAL ROCK SOUND WITH AN AWESOME AND UNIQUE IMAGE TO MATCH. ALTHOUGH DOZENS OF BANDS HAVE MADE A FEEBLE ATTEMPT TO ASSOCIATE THEIR MUSIC WITH MUSCLE, ONLY MESOMORPH MAKES THE LONG AWAITED CONNECTION WITHOUT SUPERIMPOSED PHOTOS OR IMAGINARY CHARACTERS. MESOMORPH IS REAL. THE BAND IS CURRENTLY FEATURED ON WORLD METAL RECORDS' COMPILATION ALBUM TITLED "IRON TYRANTS." THEY WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED ON CONCERTS WEST/ MEGA METAL PRODUCTIONS "COMP" ALBUM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR A FEB. '85 RELEASE. MESOMORPH'S TRACK RECORD CONTINUES WITH COVERAGE IN SEVERAL "METAL" PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS WORLD METAL REPORT, KICK ASS, ROCK HARD, AND IRON PLANET, SCORING A POSITION ON BOB MULDOONEY'S (KICK ASS) FEROCIOUS FIFTY PLAYLIST. IN A METAL-TIZED WORLD WHERE ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE, MESOMORPH IS DESTINED TO MUSCLE ITS WAY TO THE TOP. FOR MORE INFO WRITE TO: GARY LUCZYSHIN - 111 SHEARIN AVE. E. SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13057

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GARY MONARDO - BASS GUITAR
BRIAN KEITH - DRUMS

THE MEMBERS OF HIRAX HAVE BEEN PLAYING ON AND OFF SINCE 1980 UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES (L.A. KAOS, K.G.B.). IN 1984 THE FOUR MEMBERS GOT TOGETHER AND BECAME HIRAX.

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HIRAX HAS TOURED LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE PLAN TO TOUR OTHER CITIES.

INTERVIEW

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BAND (GIGS, RECORDINGS, ECT.) CONTACT HIRAX CLUB 6062 SAN RAFAEL DR. BUENA PARK, CA. 90620 U.S.A. OR HIRAX PHONE KATON (714) 821-4247.

MAYHEM - YOUR VOCALS ARE VERY DISTINCTIVE SOUNDING, WHICH, IN MY OPINION, WILL HELP THE BAND OUT A GREAT DEAL. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCES?

KATON - YES. MY MAIN INFLUENCE IS SAM COOKE. HE IS AN OLD BLUES VOCALIST, HE'S THE GREATEST VOCALIST I HAVE EVER HEARD. I HOPE SOMEDAY I WILL BE AS GOOD AS HIM.

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MAYHEM - WHAT ARE THE NEXT PLANS OF ACTION ON THE BAND GETTING INTO A STUDIO? WHEN CAN WE EXPECT AN ALBUM?

KATON - WE HAVE NOT SIGNED YET, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF RECORD COMPANIES CALLING US! I WOULD SAY WE WILL BE GOING BACK IN THE STUDIO IN NOVEMBER.

MAYHEM - HAVE YOU BEEN OFFERED ANY DEALS WITH METAL LABELS?

KATON - YES!! THE LABEL WE SIGN WITH WILL HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY HARDCORE!!!!

MAYHEM - WHAT ARE THE BAND'S FUTURE PLANS FOR A POSSIBLE TOUR? (MAYBE TO CLUBS NATION WIDE?)

KATON - WE ARE LOOKING INTO THAT RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THE LAST DEMO HAS SOLD SO WELL, PEOPLE WANT US TO PLAY ALL OVER THE WORLD!!

MAYHEM - WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT COMMERCIAL METAL?

KATON - I THINK IT SUCKS! HIRAX WILL ALWAYS STAY HARDCORE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN TRUE METAL. WE HAVE GOTTEN LETTERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND THE BANGERS MAKE US BELIEVE IN WHAT WE'RE DOING EVEN MORE!!!

MAYHEM - WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THESE SATANIC BANDS AND SATANIC LYRICS? DO YOU THINK MOST OF THEM ARE COPIERS?

KATON - WELL, THIS IS HOW I FEEL! IF THAT IS WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, FINE. BECAUSE WE ARE REAL GOOD FRIENDS WITH SLAYER AND THEY ARE REAL NICE GUYS! BUT HIRAX DO NOT DO THAT BECAUSE WE DO GREAT WITHOUT THE SATANIC LYRICS, WE LET THE METAL DO THE TALKING!!! WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN, WE WILL STAY HEAVY, FAST, AND LOUD! ALSO, WHEN WE COME TO YOUR TOWN, GET READY TO THRASH AND BANG!!

THANKS KATON!!



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MAYHEM!

ALL THE SHIT THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

METALLICA HAS JUST BEEN SIGNED TO ELEKTRA RECORDS AND WILL BE FILMING A VIDEO FOR "ESCAPE". RIOT HAS BROKEN UP. MARK REALE HAS FORMED A NEW BAND CALLED THE MARK REALE BAND AND RICK VENTURA HAS FORMED A NEW BAND CALLED SILENT PARTNERS, WHO HAVE RECENTLY OPENED SHOWS FOR FASTWAY AND V+T. ANTHRAX HAS FOUND A NEW SINGER. ALTHOUGH I DO NOT KNOW HIS NAME AT THIS TIME, HE WAS FORMERLY OF N.Y. METAL OUTFIT STEEL FORTUNE. MOTORHEAD HAS JUST FILMED A VIDEO FOR "KILLED BY DEATH" - NOVEMBER IS DEFINITELY METAL MONTH AT L'AMOURS IN BKLYN. WITH APPEARANCES BY CARNIVORE, OVERKILL, DISCIPLINE, V+T, ANVIL, LOUDNESS, T.T. QUICK, BLACK LACE, SLAYER, EXCITER, SAVATAGE, MERCYFUL FATE, AND BLACK VIRGIN. HIGH POWER WILL SOON BE RELEASING THEIR NEW L.P. ENTITLED: "THE VIOLENS OF SATAN". THE FACTION IS NOW A FIVE PIECE BAND, WITH TWO LEAD GUITARISTS.

BY KEN KRISTE

NOVEMBER ALSO HAS SLAYER, CORROSION OF CONFORMITY AND OBSESSED AT THE LOFT IN BALTIMORE ON NOV. 9. EXCITER AND MERCYFUL FATE PLAY COAST TO COAST IN BALTIMORE NOV. 11. CAREY HAS SHAVED 4 STRIPES ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS HEAD FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. THE MOTORMUTT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN PUT TO SLEEP. R.I.P. LITTLE "P"

MAYHEM!



A VENOMOUS ATTACK!

MAYHEM!